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TOPIC Movements of Soviet Troop Trains 25X1

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1. The following troop trains were listed [redacted] between 8 and 14 October 1951:

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
8	5 boxcars and 25 flatcars; 1,361 tons	Netzeband	Dallgow-Doerberitz
12	4 boxcars and 18 flatcars	Gloewen	Dallgow-Doerberitz
13	5 boxcars and 24 flatcars; 1,007 tons	Netzeband	Dallgow-Doerberitz
	10 boxcars and 26 flatcars	Breddin	Oranienburg
	6 boxcars and 16 flatcars	Breddin	Boetzow
	10 boxcars and 41 flatcars	Netzeband	Dallgow-Doerberitz
	3 boxcars and 19 flatcars; 1,272 tons	Gloewen	Altruppin
14	3 boxcars and 26 flatcars; 1,043 tons	Gloewen	Altruppin

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<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
14	6 boxcars and 33 flatcars	Templin	Rathenow

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2. [REDACTED] the following information on troop trains [REDACTED] of the Rathenow railroad station between 18 and 26 October which included:

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<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
18	2 boxcars and 23 flatcars	Haldensleben	Premnitz
	6 boxcars and 37 flatcars	Altengrabow	Rathenow-Nord
	5 boxcars and 21 flatcars	Altengrabow	Rathenow-Nord
19	4 boxcars and 16 flatcars	Jaevenitz	Rathenow-Nord
	9 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Jaevenitz	Premnitz
	2 boxcars and 19 flatcars	Haldensleben	Rathenow-Nord
	6 boxcars and 19 flatcars with tanks	Jaevenitz	Premnitz
20	12 boxcars and 38 flatcars	Altengrabow	Rathenow-Nord
	7 boxcars and 43 flatcars	Altengrabow	Rathenow-Main Station (MS)
	2 boxcars and 22 flatcars	Haldensleben	Premnitz
	1 boxcar and 14 flatcars with tanks	Haldensleben	Premnitz
	10 boxcars and 27 flatcars	Altengrabow	Premnitz
	9 boxcars and 43 flatcars	Rathenow-Nord	Altengrabow
21	29 boxcars and 17 flatcars	Altengrabow	Rathenow-Nord
	8 boxcars and 12 flatcars	Altengrabow	Rathenow-MS
	9 boxcars and 45 flatcars	Rathenow-Nord	Altengrabow

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<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
21	2 boxcars and 21 flatcars	Rathenow-MS	Satzkorn
	1 boxcar and 17 flatcars with tanks	Rathenow-MS	Satzkorn
22	13 boxcars and 40 flatcars	Rathenow-Nord	Altengrabow
	4 boxcars and 20 flatcars with tanks	Altengrabow	Satzkorn
23	2 boxcars and 21 flatcars with tanks	Haldensleben	Satzkorn
	32 boxcars and 17 flatcars	Haldensleben	Satzkorn
	19 boxcars and 36 flatcars	Rathenow-MS	Eberswalde
24	38 boxcars and 23 flatcars	Haldensleben	Satzkorn
	8 boxcars and 18 flatcars	Rathenow-Nord	Eberswalde
	7 boxcars and 38 flatcars	Rathenow-MS	Eberswalde
	25 boxcars and 28 flatcars with tanks	Haldensleben	Satzkorn
	7 boxcars and 18 flatcars with tanks	Haldensleben	Satzkorn
25	3 boxcars and 21 flatcars with tanks	Haldensleben	Satzkorn
	6 boxcars and 26 flatcars	Rathenow-MS	Eberswalde
	13 boxcars and 32 flatcars	Rathenow-Nord	Prenzlau
	5 boxcars and 34 flatcars	Gross Wudicke	Granienburg
	14 boxcars and 38 flatcars	Rathenow-MS	Prenzlau

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<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
25	22 boxcars and 19 flatcars	Haldensleben	Satzkorn
26	1 boxcar and 12 flatcars	Rathenow-MS	Prenzlau
	7 boxcars and an unknown number of flatcars	Rathenow-Nord	Prenzlau

3. The following loading or unloading operations were observed between 20 and 26 October:

<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Receiving or Dispatching Station</u>	<u>Cargo</u>
20	Loaded at Rathenow-MS at 8 p.m.	9 x 10-mm AT guns, undetermined number of trucks and half-track vehicles
21	Loaded at Rathenow-MS	12 T-34/85 tanks, 1 SS-1 tank, 1 JS-3 tank, 6 SU-120 SP guns, truck [REDACTED] 25X1
21	Loaded at Rathenow-MS	11 T-34/85 tanks
21	Unloaded at Rathenow-MS	10 x 160-mm mortars, 10 trucks [REDACTED] 25X1
21	Unloaded at Rathenow-MS 25X1	3 x 57-mm AT guns, about 7 trucks [REDACTED]
21	Loaded at Rathenow-Nord 25X1	24 x 57-mm AT guns, an undetermined number of trucks of the [REDACTED]
22	Loaded at Buschow 25X1	11 T-34/85 tanks, an undetermined number of trucks [REDACTED] 25X1
22	Loaded at Nennhausen 25X1	12 T-34/85 tanks, an undetermined number of trucks, including [REDACTED] dispatched 25X1 Oranienburg [REDACTED]
23	Loaded at Rathenow-MS 25X1	16 trucks [REDACTED] 25X1 loaded with pontoons and bridge-building equipment; 1 motorboat, 3 x 57-mm AT guns
25	Loaded at Rathenow-MS	About 15 x 120-mm mortars and an undetermined number of trucks of [REDACTED] 25X1

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Date in October	Receiving or Dispatching Station	Cargo
26	Loaded at Rathenow-NS	About 11 trucks. [redacted] and 9 x 122-mm field howitzers
26	Unloaded at Dallgow-Doebritz	An undetermined number of AT guns and trucks

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4. On 21 October, a troop train of 4 boxcars and 10 gondola cars with 10 trucks [redacted] passed through Jueterbog and proceeded toward Wittenberg. (4)

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5. Materiel unloaded from a troop train at the Frenzlau railroad station on 25 October included 3 armored scout cars, 7 trucks [redacted] and several artillery pieces, radio trucks and motorcycles. (5)

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6. The following troop trains were listed [redacted] between 29 October and 1 November:

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
29 October	26 boxcars and 31 flatcars	Forst Zinna	Wittenberg
	?	Forst Zinna	Wittenberg
30 October	12 boxcars and 39 flatcars	Stendal	Jueterbog
	6 boxcars and 18 flatcars	Stendal	Jueterbog
31 October	11 boxcars and 32 flatcars	Stendal	Jueterbog
1 November	10 boxcars and 27 flatcars	Forst Zinna	Dallgow-Doebritz

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Comments

- (1) The receiving stations indicate that all trains, except the one to Rathenow, carried units of the Second Gds Heer Army. It is believed that these units returned from field exercises which were held in the area north of Neuruppin and probably involved components of the 1st Heer Div and the 12th Gds Tank Div, and from the Gloewen-Havelberg area, where components of these two divisions practiced with headquarters units of the Second Gds Heer Army during the first half of October. It is believed that the train to Rathenow carried a unit of the Fourth Gds Heer Army, which was to participate in the fall maneuvers in the Rathenow-Stendal area.

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The list of troop trains supplements numerous previous reports on the fall maneuvers in the Letzling Heide-Rathenow-Burg area. All these reports tend to indicate that two maneuvers were conducted. The first maneuver was held in the Wolmirstedt-Tangerhuetten-Burg area and involved

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components of all four divisions, and army and corps headquarters troops of the Third Shock Army, and components of the IV Arty Corps. The second maneuver was held in the Rathenow-Stendal-Jerichow area and involved other units of the Third Shock Army, some of which arrived by rail from Letzling Heath, units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, and components of the IV Arty Corps. Since they started simultaneously about 19 October, the two maneuvers may have been coordinated under a command post of the Hq GOFG in the Tangerhuetten area. The exact date of the completion of the maneuvers could not be determined, since the subsequent entraining period apparently took about one week. There have been no indications that these maneuvers were affiliated with the fall maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army in the Dessau-Zerbst area, which started at the same time. Such a connection appears unlikely, since the maneuver of the Eighth Gds Army in the Dessau-Zerbst area probably extended southward across the Elbe River as far as the Bitterfeld-Delitzsch area. However, in addition to the troops who, according to the present report, arrived in the Rathenow-Stendal-Jerichow maneuver area and were unloaded in Rathenow and Premnitz and the troops returning from this area, components of the 10th Gds Tank Div started leaving Letzling Heath and the Altengrabow range for Satzkorn by rail about 22 October. Eight trains carrying components of this division were reported by source of the present report. Confirming information from Haldensleben is available.

(3) These observations tally with statements by the same source in paragraph 2 of the present report. Identical trains are believed to be the following:

<u>Train in Paragraph 3</u>	<u>Train in Paragraph 2</u>	<u>Unit on the Train</u>	
Train on 20 October	Train	Undetermined	25X1
1st train on 21 October	Train	Of the 10th Gds Tank Div	
2d train on 21 October	Train	Of the 10th Gds Tank Div	
3d train on 21 October	Train	Of the 6th Arty Div	
4th train on 21 October	Train	Of the 6th Arty Div	
5th train on 21 October	Train	Of the 3d (?) Gds AT Arty Brig	
Train on 23 October	Train	Engineer component of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army	
Train on 25 October	Train	Of the 25th Tank Div	
Train on 26 October	Train	Artillery component of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army	

The two troop trains observed in Buschow and Kennhausen on 22 October carried components of the 25th Tank Div, including elements of the 162d Tank Regt, which thus is confirmed in Cranienburg until 22 October.

(4) Vehicles of the GOFG. 25X1

(5) The train carried a component of the 25th Tank Div.

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- (6) The two troop trains of 29 October belong to the series of trains which, beginning 25 October, carried units of the 6th Gds Tank Div to Wittenberg from the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds. Nine of these trains were observed prior to 29 October. See [redacted] The report fails to indicate whether army or air force units were loaded on the three trains on 30 and 31 October. Since no information indicating the movement of army units from Stendal to Jueterbog is available, it seems possible that the unidentified ground attack regiment, which had been transferred to Stendal-Borstel airfield from Schoenwalde in early October 1951, was stationed there only temporarily and moved to Jueterbog by the end of October. The train on 1 November probably carried the same unit of the 1st Necz Div to its home station, as moved to Jueterbog on the train [redacted] [redacted]

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